(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research agreed to follow Government's decision on fellowships; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise;

(c) and (d) The matter is being processed by ICMR for early implementation of the recommendations of the Government.

Purchase of torpedoes for Navy from M/s. Whitehead-Moto Fides

2082. SHRI JASWANT SINGH:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 584 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th July, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Messers Anatronics General Corporation assisted the firm M/s Whitehead-Moto Fides for the supply of torpedoes to the Indian Navy; and

(b) if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) M/s Anatronics General Corporation did not represent M/s Whitehead-Moto Fides in its negotiations with the Ministry of Defence for the contract for the supply of torpedoes, associated test equipment and spares to the Indian Navy which was concluded in March, 1987. This contract was negotiated directly with the foreign supplier, from which Govt. also procured a written undertaking that no Indian agent was/is working for them, in respect of the aforesaid contract.

Resentment among the scientists

2083. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in March, 1958 a scientific resolution was adopted by Government to encourage creative telent, to provide full scope for scientific activity besides offering good service conditions to the scientists in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite the resolution there is growing resentment among the scientists community that their status has been gradually eroded and services have become inferior to those of University teachers possessing similar qualification thereby seriously affecting the quality of research;

(c) whether Government have made any evaluation of the situation; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof stating the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to remove the disparities between the two professions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The working conditions of scientists and technologists are constantly under review. Steps are being taken from time to time to improve them.

Setting up of nuclear power station

2084 SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that final decision has been taken in regard to the Soviet offer

to set up nuclear power stations using enriched Uranium as fuel, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether guarantees regarding uninterrupted supply of enriched fuel have been given by USSR; and

(c) if so, whether these supplies would be forthcoming despite stiffer non-proliferation measures being taken periodically by the London club of which USSR is also a member?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) India and the Soviet Union have agreed in principle to cooperate in the setting up of a nuclear power station consisting of two units of 1000MWe pressurised water reactors using enriched uranium as fuel. The details regarding cooperation including guaranteed fuel supply, are being finalised under an intergovernmental agreement which the two sides are planning to sign in the near future.

Defence Minister's visit to Sri Lanka

2085. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he paid a visit to Sri Lanka on the 30th May, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the talks held with Sri Lankan Government representatives; and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K C. PANT): (a) and (b) Raksha Mantri visited Sri Lanka from 30th May, 1988 to 1st June, 1988. During this visit, discussions were held with the Sri Lankan Government on the progress made in the implementation of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement. The discussions covered developments in Sri Lanka and further steps required to be taken by both the countries to ensure the implementation of the various provisions of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement as expeditiously as feasible.

Indo-Pak official talks

2086. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the 2 day Indo-Pakistan official talks held in New Delhi on 1st-2nd June, 1988 the Prime Minister conveyed to the leader of Pak delegation that 'Pakistan should take concrete and visible measures to show its commitments to the principle of non-interference in India's internal affairs' in the context of Pakistan's active support and training to extremists in and around Punjab;

(b) if so, what was the Pak team's reaction thereto; and

(c) what action has since, been taken by Pak Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) (a) The Prime Minister conveyed to the Foreign Secretary of Pakistan, India's deep concern about Pakistan's involvement in extremist activities directed against India.

(b) and (c) Though the Pakistan Foreign Secretary offered to cooperate in combating terrorism, there has, unfortunately, been no let-up in Pakistan's assistance to extremist and Terroist elements, in and around Punjab.

Repatriation of Sri Lanka Refugees

2087. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sri Lankan refugees who had come over to India following disturbances there, have since been repatriated back to Sri Lanka, under the accord so far; and